

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>In re</i> application	Bloom, <i>et al.</i>	§		
of:		§	Examiner:	Jana A. Hines
Appl. Ser. No.	10/762,492	§	Art Unit:	1645
Filed:	January 23, 2004	§	Atty. Dkt. No:	IVGN 347
Title:	RAPID GROWING	§	Confirmation	4921
	MICROORGANISMS FOR	§	No.:	
	BIOTECHNOLOGY	§		
	APPLICATIONS	§		

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 19, 2008

Mail Stop: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2008 in the above-captioned matter, Applicant submits the following amendment and response in accordance with 37 CFR §1.114, in which:

Changes to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) a three (3)-month extension of time for submission of this response and submits the required extension fee via electronic filing. If any additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, or any additional fees such as excess claims fees are required, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any required fees (including but not limited to appropriate petition fees or fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our **Deposit Account No. 50-3994**, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw funds.